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1. CANADIAN MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION MINISTER ROBERT ANDRAS
ANNOUNCED JAN 22 THAT HE WILL DISCUSS WITH THE PROVINCES
"WAYS AND MEANS OF ENSURING THAT CANADIAN POSTGRADUATES
RECEIVE FAIR CONSIDERATION FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING
POSITIONS."

2. ANDRAS' ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN
"JOBS FOR CANADIAN RESIDENTS AND AN IMMIGRATION POLICY THAT
WORKS TO FURTHER THIS OBJECTIVE." HE POINTED OUT A DECADE
AGO THERE WAS A NEED FOR AN INFLUX OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS
BECAUSE THERE WRE INSUFFICIENT CANADIAN POST-GRADUATES TO
FILL TEACHING POSITIONS. "THE CONCERN IS THAT CANADA MAY NOW
HAVE A SURPLUS OF POSTGRADUATES."

3. IN CANADA EDUCATION IS A PROVINCIAL MATTER AND ANDRAS
FELT THE NEED TO CONSULT WITH PROVINCES BEFORE TAKING ANY
ACTION.

4. FOREIGN ACADEMICS MAINLY AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE FROM
THE US AND THE UK. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 14 PERCENT OF ALL
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UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHING JOBS IN CANADA ARE FILLED
BY AMERICANS; 11 PERCENT BY CITIZENS OF THE UK AND OTHER

COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

5. FROM TIME TO TIME OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS CANADIAN NATIONALISTS ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF AMERICANS USUPRING JOBS FROM CANADIANS.

6. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION IS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE FIRST OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT OVERT INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.
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